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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, TH  
SUBJ: CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST ALLEGED SAMAK ASSASSINATION PLOT

REF: BANGKOK 11050

1. ACCORDING TO BANGKOK PRESS AUGUST 5, THE PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT HAS DROPPED ALL CHARGES AGAINST PHAPHANPHONG WETCHACHIWA, VICE RECTOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AT CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTION WITH AN ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE INTERIOR MINISTER SAMAK SUNTHORAWET IN MAY (REFTEL).
2. AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST ON MAY 21, PRAPHANPHONG CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOT. THE DECISION TO DROP THE CONSPIRACY CHARGES WAS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING AN INVESTIGATION WHICH DETERMINED THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO BRING PRAPHANPHONG TO TRIAL.
3. CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION WERE ALSO DROPPED AGAINST TWO OTHER PERSONS IMPLICATED IN THE PLOT, CHATRI TOEMNGAM AND CHIRAPHONG ROTTHONG. HOWEVER, BOTH MEN STILL FACE THE LESSER CHARGE OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF

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